

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
EASTERN DIVISION

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GRADY NIXON III, #182 482

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Plaintiff,

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v.

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3:07-CV-517-WKW  
(WO)

COMMISSIONER RICHARD ALLEN \*  
*et al.*,

Defendants.

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**ORDER**

This case is presently pending before the court on a complaint filed by Grady Nixon, III, an inmate incarcerated at the Alex City Work Release in Alex City, Alabama. A thorough review of this complaint indicates that although Plaintiff lists five defendants in this cause of action, the complaint consists merely of general conclusions of constitutional violations and fails to identify factual allegations material to specific counts lodged against the named defendants with respect to any violations of Plaintiff's constitutional rights.

"This type of pleading completely disregards Rule 10(b)'s requirement that discrete claims should be plead in separate counts, *see Anderson v. Dist. Bd. of Tr.*, 77 F.3d 364-366-67 (11<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1996), and is the type of complaint that [has been] criticized time and again." *Magluta v. Samples*, 256 F.3d 1282, 1284 (11<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2001). Accordingly, the court deems it appropriate to require Plaintiff to amend his complaint to re-plead a complaint that respects the requirements of Rule 8, F.R.Civ.P., and the heightened pleading requirement for such

cases as well as to correct the deficiencies noted herein.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that on or before **September 5, 2007** Plaintiff shall file an amended complaint on a form for use in filing a 42 U.S.C. § 1983 complaint. *See Local Rule 9.1 (requiring pro se litigants to utilize court's forms). The amended complaint filed in compliance with this order shall supersede the original complaint.* This means that Plaintiff shall no longer rely on the original complaint and this case will proceed only on those claims raised and against those defendants named in the amended complaint filed in accordance with the order.

It is further ORDERED that Plaintiff's amended complaint shall:

1. Specifically identify who the named defendants are;
2. Identify specific claims relative to ***actions taken against Plaintiff*** (not other inmates) by the named defendants and list these claims in separate counts;
3. Describe with clarity those factual allegations that are material to each specific count against the named defendant(s); and
4. Describe how each named defendant violated ***Plaintiff's*** constitutional rights.

Plaintiff is hereby advised that the amendment to his complaint must set forth short and plain statements showing why he is entitled to relief and be specific enough to put each defendant on notice of how their conduct allegedly violated Plaintiffs' constitutional rights and should contain only claims relative to actions taken against him by the named defendants. Each allegation in the pleading should be simple, concise and direct. *See Rule*

8, *Federal Rules of Civil Procedure*. Plaintiff is further advised that his failure to timely and properly comply with the directives contained in this order will result in a Recommendation that this action be dismissed.

The Clerk is DIRECTED to furnish Plaintiff with a form for use in filing a complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

Done, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2007.

/s/ Terry F. Moorer  
TERRY F. MOORER  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE